



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 1648
)	
CLASSEN, John Barthelow	)	Examiner: PARK, H.
)	
Serial No.: 09/660,584	)	Washington, D.C.
)	
Filed: September 12, 2000	)	November 24, 2003
)	
For: METHOD AND COMPOSITION	)	Docket No.: CLASSEN=15
FOR AN EARLY VACCINE TO)	
PROTECT AGAINST BOTH...	)	Confirmation No.: 2284

RECEIVED
DEC 04 2003
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
2011 South Clark Place
Customer Window
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
Arlington, Virginia 22202

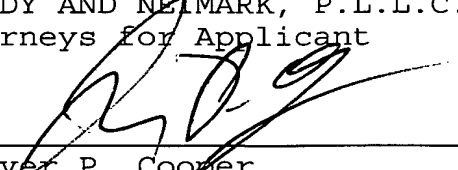
S i r :

In response to the restriction requirement mailed October 3, 2003, applicants elect group IV (claims 156-176) with traverse.

The Examiner takes an overly narrow view of PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2. The inventive concept unifying all claims is the recognition that the timing of immunization can affect the risk of chronic immune-mediated disorders. Methods with different goods and with different method steps can still be sufficiently related to have unity under the PCT standard. For example, in the PCT administrative instructions part 2, Example 6, "a process for making a fuel burner" is deemed to have unity with "a process of manufacturing carbon black".

Respectfully submitted,

BROWDY AND NEWMARK, P.L.L.C.
Attorneys for Applicant

By: 
Iver P. Cooper
Reg. No. 28,005

624 Ninth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001
Telephone: (202) 628-5197
Facsimile: (202) 737-3528
IPC:lms

G:\ipc\A-C\clas\Classenld\pto electiontraverse.wpd



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Art Unit: 1648
)	
CLASSEN, John Barthelow	)	Examiner: PARK, H
)	
Serial No.: 09/660,584	)	Washington, D.C.
)	
Filed: September 12, 2000	)	November 24, 2003
)	
For: METHOD AND COMPOSITION	)	Docket No.: CLASSEN=1D
FOR AN EARLY VACCINE TO)	
PROTECT AGAINST BOTH...	)	Confirmation No.: 2284

RECEIVED
DEC 04 2003
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

FOURTH PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
2011 South Clark Place
Customer Window
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
Arlington, Virginia 22202

S i r :

Prior to further action on this case, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 35 of this paper.

11/28/2003 SZEWDIE1 00000088 09660584

01 FC:2251
02 FC:2202

55.00 DP
846.00 DP